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BOND DRIVES AND REPEATED GRAIN LEVIES
INTENSIFY ANTI-COMMUNIST SENTIMENT

BOND DRIVE UNPOPULAR IN CANTON -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 27 Feb 50

Canton -- The attempts of the Communist authorities in Kuang-chou to sell people's victory bonds are being received coolly by the city populace. To cope with this situation, the local authorities have stepped up the bond-selling campaign, utilizing every media available.

A bond-drive committee was organized recently. The committee made a house-to-house campaign throughout the city; but the result was disheartening. Bonds were placed on sale at the People's Bank, but very few came to buy them. Many agencies pledged to sell their allotted quotas within a given time, but the quotas remained unfilled.

The main reason for this unpopularity of the bond drive is that the people have no more money to spare. The depreciation of the people's currency has dealt a severe blow to their pocketbooks in recent months. They have a difficult time maintaining their livelihood and have no money left to buy bonds.

PEASANTS DISSATISFIED WITH COMMUNISTS -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 26 Feb 50

Shih-ch'i -- Peasants in 589 ch'u and the Wan-ch'ing-shu region of Shih-ch'i Hsien, Kwangtung Province, are greatly infuriated with the repeated collecting and borrowing of grain, and forced selling of victory bonds by the Communists.

The general opinion is that they would rather let their fields go to waste than to cultivate them during the spring months. Noting the seriousness of the situation, the Communists have sent cadres into the rural areas to urge spring cultivation with the promise that they would supply the needed seed. Knowing that their yields will be taken away again, the peasants are not listening to the Communist persuasion.

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PEASANTS KILL CCP GRAIN COLLECTORS -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 27 Feb 50

Canton -- Peasants in Yu-hsi region in the eastern suburb of Canton are opposing the Communist authorities because they can no longer tolerate oppressive and illegal taxes and levies meted out against them.

Occasionally we hear of CCP grain collectors or propagandists getting killed by angry peasants. We also hear of small bands of CCP being attacked and killed by armed peasants in rural areas. Now we hear that the tax collectors and other Communist workers are being protected by armed guards against such attacks.

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